

NEWS GATHERED FROM SOUTHSIDE

Charles Reams Causes Excitement in Third Ward by Shooting at Random.

ALDERMEN MEET TO-NIGHT

Rev. C. O. Woodward Resigns as Pastor to Accept Call to Clifton Forge.

Manchester Bureau, Times-Dispatch. Charles Reams, a white man, who lives on East Third Street, terrified the community last night about 8 o'clock by shooting a revolver at random through the street. Fortunately, no one was injured, notwithstanding the fact that a large number of men and women and children were on the sidewalks at that hour.

The police were notified and Officer Smith and Captain Lincomb brought the man to the police station. Reams was not drinking. From what can be learned his mind is unbalanced. He is married and has several children. It is probable that a commission of lunacy will be held over him.

Last night about 10 o'clock he was in his cell in the station and talked rationally.

Mr. Woodward Resigns.

Rev. C. O. Woodward, pastor of Cowardin Avenue Christian Church, has tendered his resignation to the officers in order to accept a call to the pastorate of the Christian Church at Clifton Forge, Va.

Mr. Woodward has been pastor of the church four years, and has accomplished much good. He is held in high esteem by his congregation, who regret to hear of his departure. He will leave here next month.

The church in Clifton Forge has a congregation of about the same size as that of Cowardin Avenue Church, and the pulpit was filled until recently by Rev. Gerald Culbertson, now of Richmond.

Mr. Woodward will be succeeded by Rev. A. J. Renforth, who has for the past seven years been pastor of the Christian Church at Clifton Forge. He is considered a fine preacher.

Butler Case Postponed.

C. L. Butler, charged with the beating of Mary Reynolds, under promise of marriage, was in the Police Court yesterday morning. The complainant denied the alleged promise of marriage, whereupon a warrant was issued charging him with criminal assault.

The Reynolds girl is about nineteen years of age, and is a daughter of Edward Reynolds, of McDonough Street. The real evidence was not taken and the case was postponed, and the prisoner granted bail in the sum of \$500. He is being represented by Mr. E. H. Wells. The case will be called again on Wednesday.

Personals and Briefs.

Manchester Lodge A. F. and A. M., No. 14, met last night and District Deputy Grand Master B. W. Ragland, of Chester, paid an official visit. Degree work was also gone into.

The grand jury met yesterday, but brought in only one indictment, that being against a man charged with non-support.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson, of St. Louis, who are visiting Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Fulkner, returned yesterday from the Jamestown Exposition.

Mrs. W. L. Matthews of Ninth Street Road, is quite sick at her home. Mr. Curtis C. Bailey and Mr. O. J. Bradshaw have gone to Baltimore and Washington. They will visit the exposition before they return home.

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen will be held to-night. The application of Gill Brothers, which was acted upon favorably by the Assembly, will be taken up.

Miss Marion Shiffert, accompanied by her father, Mr. Bailey Shiffert, is visiting her grandfather, Mr. T. P. Shiffert, at Palmyra.

Chief Lipscomb has notified W. H. Flynn that he must close the swimming pool at Forest Hill Park. This was done at the instance of Superintendent Sharpe of the City Water Works. It is stated that the waste water from the pool pollutes the city's supply.

Mr. A. G. Lucas, of Ninth Street, is visiting his brother, W. T. Lucas, in New York City.

Mrs. A. G. Lordy and her son, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. Frank Lordy, of No. 312 Cowardin Avenue, left for a visit to Jamestown Exposition before returning to their home in Florida.

Miss Lena Best, of No. 267 East Thirteenth Street, left yesterday morning for Waverly, where she will be the guest of Mrs. A. A. Simmons.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kidd, of Baltimore, are visiting his uncle, Mr. H. L. Kidd, of No. 217 East Ninth Street.

Miss Pearl Fuller, of Oak Grove, is quite sick at her residence.

Mr. R. M. Smith, of No. 161 West Twelfth Street, has returned from a trip to Greensboro and Asheville, N. C.

Mr. H. Alvin Stewart is quite ill in his home, No. 1407 Decatur Street.

Mr. Charles Long and family have returned from Oklahoma, where Mr. Long has acquired a claim of 160 acres of farm land. This is situated about twenty-five miles south of Colorado.

He will not be able to get possession of the tract until six months have elapsed, and in the meantime his family will reside at No. 1413 Decatur Street.

Oklahoma Election.

OUTHRIE, OKLA., July 15.—The Constitutional Convention to-day adopted the election ordinance calling the State election for September 7th, when State officers as well as the Constitution will be voted upon. Governor Francis will issue an election proclamation at an early date.

QUESTION POWER OF COURT CLERK

Constitutionality of Act Allowing Him to Probate Wills Is Attacked.

CASE IN CHANCERY COURT

Declared That Right Is Confined to Clerks of Circuit Courts.

Suit was filed in the Chancery Court yesterday by Rev. T. Crump and W. Crump Tucker, representing W. R. Smith against H. A. McCurdy et al., to test the constitutionality of an act of the General Assembly so far as it confers upon the clerk judicial power by which he may admit wills to probate. The bill sets forth that Sarah C. Borwell, of Richmond, died in May, 1906; that McCurdy, an executor, produced before the clerk of the Chancery Court a paper alleged to be the will of the deceased, and that the clerk, after hearing testimony of subscribing witnesses, entered an order admitting the document.

Right Questioned.

Concerning the right to so probate, the complaint says:

"The clerk of this court, in admitting said alleged will to probate and permitting said McCurdy to qualify as executor, as above set out, acted under authority of the jurisdiction conferred upon him by a statute enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia in Acts 1902-3-4, page 356, as amended by Acts 1904, page 265.

"Complainant is advised and alleges that the said legislation, in so far as it confers the judicial power upon the clerk of this court to admit wills to probate, is in violation of the Constitution of Virginia, and is null and void.

The entire judicial power of the State is vested by the Constitution of Virginia in certain enumerated courts, and no part of this jurisdiction can be placed elsewhere by legislation unless permitted in terms by the provisions of the Constitution. The Constitution of Virginia provides in section 101 that the General Assembly may by statute confer jurisdiction upon the clerk of the circuit courts to admit wills to probate. The circuit courts are enumerated and fixed by the Constitution itself, and this Honorable Court can not be held to be a circuit court within the meaning of the Constitution. Complainant alleges, therefore, that the clerk of this court (Chancery Court) had no authority or jurisdiction to admit said paper to probate, and to qualify said McCurdy as executor, and further prays that all orders entered by said clerk be set aside and annulled, etc."

Law on the Subject.

Section 101 of the Constitution refers to the circuit courts. Jurisdiction in Cases of Wills, Insane Persons, etc., Section 101.—The General Assembly shall have power to confer upon the clerk of the several circuit courts jurisdiction, to be exercised in the manner and under the regulations to be prescribed by law, in the matter of the admission of wills to probate and of the appointment and qualification of guardians, personal representatives, curators, appraisers and committees of the estates of persons who have been adjudged insane or convicted of felony, and in the matter of the substitution of trustees.

Acts of 1902-'03-'04, as amended by Acts of 1904, read as follows:

"The clerk of any circuit or corporation court may, upon application of an estate or decedent, admit wills to probate, appoint and qualify executors, administrators, curators of decedents and committees, and require and take from them the necessary bonds in the same manner and with like effect as the courts could do if in session. Such powers and duties may be exercised and discharged as well during the session of the court as at other times, provided, that in the city of Richmond the clerk of the Chancery Court of said city shall have such powers and perform such duties."

As the court will adjourn for the summer about the first week in August, it is probable that the case will not be heard and determined until the October term.

Waterman Fountain Pens.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] ST. PAUL, MINN., July 15.—At the National Stationers' Convention, now in session here, it was yesterday stated by Mr. Waterman, of the L. E. Waterman Company, of New York, makers of the Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pen, that their concern alone sold last year pens for which consumers invested over \$2,225,000, of which nearly two-thirds were sold by stationers. This well illustrates the rapidly increasing use of fountain pens.

NO WAR, SAYS CANNON.

Speaker on His Way to Pleasure Resort Says No Chance of War.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., July 15.—Speaker Cannon, of the House of Representatives, passed through here to-day en route to Oconomowoc on a pleasure trip in reply to newspaper men. Mr. Cannon said:

"The United States will never, in my judgment, give Japan or any other nation on earth just cause for war, and I have no fear that Japan or any other nation in sight will give us any just cause for war with it."

MRS. BELMONT DEFENDS IT.

Says "Women's Camfield's" Is Only a Social Club.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NEWPORT, July 15.—Although the Rev. Walter Lowrie denounced it as a "Camfield-by-the-Sea," the opening of the women's bridge club, called the Bennett Club, was highly successful Saturday, 250 women attending.

Stone Villa, owned by James Gordon Bennett, is given free of rent to the club, which is headed by Mrs. Oliver H. P. Belmont and Mrs. Hermann Oelrichs. Mrs. Belmont says it is not a bridge but a social club. Still a luxurious room has been set apart for the game.

The men are to be invited into the club at least twice during the summer, when Mrs. Belmont and Mrs. Oelrichs will give balls. It is said the club was organized because women were barred from playing at the Casino.

TELEGRAPHERS' APPEAL.

Would Enjoin Corporations from Discriminating Against Union Men.

WASHINGTON, July 15.—The appeal of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers vs. the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company was docketed to-day in the Supreme Court of the United States. The suit was brought by the telegraphers to secure an injunction under the Erdman act, which prohibits its corporations from discriminating against labor organizations. They charge the railroad company with preventing their agents from securing interviews with the railroad operators and with threatening to discharge such of them as join the union, and this course, they assert, is a violation of the law. The decision in the Circuit Court of the Western District of Kentucky was against the telegraphers on the ground of the vagueness of the charge.

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PRESIDENT WRITES TO SCHOOL-BOY SHOT

Says Rifle Practice Among Students Is Good and Healthy Exercise.

MAKES FUTURE SOLDIERS

Standing Army Is Small, and Men Should Learn to Shoot Before Going to War.

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., July 15.—

President Roosevelt has put his hearty approval on public school rifle practice. In a letter of congratulation to Attorney General Sharkey, of Brooklyn, winner of the shooting trophy of the Public School Athletic League, he takes occasion to encourage the system of rifle practice inaugurated by General George B. Wingate, retired. That the letter to young Sharkey may have as far-reaching influences as possible, it was made public at the President's direction to-day. It is as follows:

"Oyster Bay, N. Y., July 13, 1907. "My Dear Young Friend,—I heartily congratulate you upon being declared by the Public School Athletic League to stand first in rifle shooting among all the boys of the high schools of New York City who have tried during the last year. I am glad to see how well you have done in all the competitions in which you shot during the year, and in the Whitney trophy competition, the individual match shoot at Creedmore, and the interscholastic match. Many a grown man who regards himself as a crack rifle shot would be proud of such a score.

"Your skill is a credit to you, and also to your principal, your teachers, and to all connected with the manual training school which you attend, and I congratulate them all. Practice in rifle shooting is of value in developing not only the muscles, but nerves, steadiness and judgment under excitement. It is therefore of value to every man throughout his life.

Small Standing Army.

"The Public Schools Athletic League has done work for the city and for the country in introducing and promoting athletics, and a love for many sports in the public schools of New York, especially as the league most wisely allows no one to compete who is not up to the passing mark, both in studies and deportment. I am especially glad of what it has done in establishing instruction in rifle shooting. The United States has a small standing army, and in time of war it must depend for defense upon hasty levies of volunteers, and it is a prime necessity that the volunteer should already know how to shoot if he is to be of value as a soldier. In no modern war would it be possible effectively to train men to shoot during the brief period of preparation before the army takes the field. In consequence, the training must come in advance, and the graduates from our schools and colleges should be well trained, so as to be good shots with the military rifle. When so trained they constitute a great addition to our national strength and great assurance for the peace of the country."

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Daily Court Record

Law and Equity Court.

Decrees entered yesterday: S. N. Jones vs. Victoria V. Jones, divorce granted. Suits instituted yesterday: Mayo Milling Company vs. White-Rensselaer Grain Company, damages, \$200.

Cases set for to-day: Wallerstein Produce Company vs. Western Union Telegraph Company, Statutory suit for \$100.

Chancery Court. Qualifications yesterday: Mrs. Luvinia T. Bowers qualified as executrix of John Bowers' estate valued at \$10,000.

Hustings Court. Cases tried yesterday: Henry Allen, alias Harry Vance, and Lewis Rogers, alias M. McGuire, charged with grand larceny; five years and six months in penitentiary. Edith Allen, continued.

Cases set for to-day: Appeals from ordinances.

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